

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 have been cancelled without prejudice. New Claims 39-114 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 39-114 are now pending in this Application.

The Applicants expressly withdraw any and all claim amendments and remarks (including remarks directed to or about any cited reference) made in connection with the parent application (Serial No. 09/351,418), or in connection with any related application. The Applicants do not intend any prior claim amendment or remark in the parent application or any related application to have any effect on the prosecution or scope of any claim in the present Application.

In the Title

The Title has been amended. 37 C.F.R. § 1.72.

In the Specification

The Specification has been amended with replacement paragraphs to identify a related patent application serial no. 09/351,418.

No new matter has been added.

The replacement paragraphs are shown in Exhibit A "marked up" relative to the previous version of the replaced paragraphs. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

In the Drawings

Proposed amended formal drawings (FIGURES 1-14) have been provided
No new matter has been added.

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Exhibit A

At page 1, line 3:

RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/351,418, titled MODIFICATION OF THE SHAPE/SURFACE FINISH OF BATTERY GRID WIRES TO IMPROVE PASTE ADHESION, filed July 9, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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